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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented) An integrated media production security system comprising:
    a database for storing records associated with a plurality of media;
    a tracking station to read indicia on media for responding to arrival at and departure from the tracking station, said tracking station further comprising means for identifying an agent moving the media to or from the tracking station;
    a client for receiving information from said tracking station for providing records to said database; and
    a recording station in communication with said database, to embed visible identifiers into contents of each of said plurality of media and to record said identifiers in said database.

2.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein said database further comprises means for storing content information records associated with each piece of media and wherein said database is provided with a software structure associating content records and movement records by media identification.

3.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 2, wherein a visible identifier embedded into content of one of said plurality of media is removed after production is completed.

4.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1 further comprising a marking system to embed an invisible watermark into content of each of said plurality of media.

5.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 4 further comprising a duplication station and a shipping and receiving station.

6.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 5 further comprising a video source unit selectively coupled to said duplication station and to said recording station, a recording deck to receive outputs from said marking system, and said duplication and said recording station each providing a video source for said marking system.

7.   (Original) A system according to claim 6 wherein said client further provides means for providing data indicative of operations performed on selected media to said database.

8.   (Original) A system according to claim 7 wherein said video source unit comprises a hard drive, and wherein indicia for reading by a tracking station are affixed to said hard drive, wherein said tracking means further comprises means for reading indicia for said hard drive and wherein said database further comprises a data structure for storing information relative to said hard drive.

9-12.   (Cancelled).

13.   (Previously Presented) A method for an integrated media production security system comprising:
        tracking movement of media to and from tracking stations;
        tracking an agent associated with each movement;
        providing a data record indicative of the movement and agent to a database;
        providing to said database a record indicative of content associated with a media identification and embedded data in said content;
        associating in said database records indicative of movement with a record indicative of content of the particular media;
        further providing data indicative of an operation performed on said media at a station associated with the record of movement of the media.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 wherein a recording and a duplication station are provided and further comprising:

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selectively duplicating video source on media at said duplication station or recording from a video source onto a recording media at a recording station and

connecting a marking station to each of said recording stations and duplication station to steganographically encode the recording or duplication of said video source.

15-19. (Cancelled).

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising:
embedding data into a video recording of said media; and
removing said data from said video recording of said media after production is complete.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said data includes a unique identifier.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said data further includes burn-in warnings.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 further comprising embedding an invisible, unique identifier into said video recording and an audio recording of said media to enable subsequent analysis of a piece of media that has been copied without authorization.

2324. (Currently Amended) An integrated media production security system comprising:
a database for storing records associated with video and audio recordings placed on a disc; and
a media processing system in communication with said database, said media processing system comprises (1) a tracking station to read indicia on said disc for responding to arrival at and departure from the tracking station, and to identify an agent moving said disc to or from the tracking station, and (2) a recording station to embed data into said video recording and to record said data into said database.

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2425. (Currently Amended) The integrated media production security system according to claim 2324, wherein said data is a visible upon display of said video recording and is removed after production of a film including said video and audio recordings has been completed.

2526. (Currently Amended) The integrated media production security system according to claim 24-25 further comprising a marking system to embed an invisible watermark into at least said video recording.

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